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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Naoki YOSHIOKA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1763

Serial No.: 09/957,470

Examiner: Richard R. Bueker

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For: **LIQUID SUBSTANCE SUPPLY DEVICE FOR VAPORIZING SYSTEM,
VAPORIZER, VAPORIZATION PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL
METHOD**

Attorney Docket Number: 010871

Customer Number: 38834

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

October 8, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated September 9, 2004.

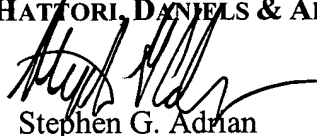
In the Action, restriction is required between Group I, Claims 19-23; Group II, Claim 24 and Group III, Claims 25-28.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 19-23 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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